

Al-Hidayah

(The Guidance)

EXTERNAL FEATURES OF NABI

(SALLALLAHU-ALAIHI-WA-SALLAM)

"And, definitely, you are of a lofty nature" *Surah Al Qalam:4*. Nabi (S.A.W) was neither tall, nor was he short. When he used to stand in a group, he appeared to be tallest among them. This was not due to his *height*, but was a miracle. When he *walked*, he leaned slightly forward. He walked in a fast pace and lifted his legs with force and did not drag his legs on the ground. It appeared as if he was descending from a high place. He lifted his legs with vigour as if he was he was descending to a low-lying place.

Nabi (S.A.W) was of medium *build*. He did not have a big body, but the joints of his bones were large. In *complexion*, he was neither very white like lime, nor very dark, nor brown. He had a wheat coloured complexion which was radiant and light coloured. (He was illuminant, more luminous than even the full moon on the 14th night). His Mubarak *face* shone like the moon. His face was slightly round not totally round, little elongated, but in between the two. He was extremely handsome. His *cheeks* were smooth and full of flesh. His *forehead* was broad and wide. Nabi's (S.A.W.) *eyes* and pupils were extremely black. There were red lines in the whiteness of his eyes. He had *eyelashes* and fine hair on his *eyebrows*. Both eyebrows were separate and did not meet in the middle. There was a vein in between his eyebrows which used to expand when he became angry. Nabi's (S.A.W.) blessed *mouth* was moderately wide and his Mubarak *teeth* were narrow. His front teeth had a slight space between them. When Nabi (S.A.W.) *talked*, noor emitted from his teeth. Nabi's (S.A.W.) Mubarak *beard* was full and dense. At the age of 60, he did not have more than twenty white hairs on his blessed *head*, and beard. Nabi (S.A.W.) had a *nose* whose lustre and beauty made it look large, however it was not large in itself.

Nabi's (S.A.W.) *hair* was neither very straight nor very curly, but it was slightly wavy. His hair was dense and reached his earlobes. At times, it even reached his shoulders. Nabi (S.A.W.) only parted his hair in the middle if it could be easily done and if a comb was available. (There was no excess hair on his body). His *neck* was beautiful and thin, and shaven clean, the colour of which was clear, shining and beautiful like silver. Nabi's (S.A.W.) *forearms* were long. He had wide *palms*, which were fully fleshed. His *fingers* and *toes* were moderately long. His *feet* were also fully fleshed and smooth. Because of their cleanliness and smoothness, the water did not remain there, but flowed away quickly. The *soles* of his feet were a bit deep and fully fleshed. He had little flesh on his *heels*.

Nabi's (S.A.W.) *chest* and *stomach* were in line, but his chest was broad and wide. The upper portion of his chest was hairy. Nabi (S.A.W.) had broad hairy *shoulders*. The Seal of Nabuwwat (*prophethood*) lied between his shoulders. The portion between his shoulders was wide and fully fleshed. The *calf* of his leg was slightly thin. Nabi (S.A.W.) was last of all Ambiyaa (*prophets*). Any person who saw him, suddenly would become awe inspired. All the *parts* of his Mubarak body were of moderate size and fully fleshed. His body was proportionately joint. Hazrat Ali (R.A.) said: "I did not see anyone look like him, neither before him, nor after him."

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